

struggle for independence from nearly four centuries of Ottoman Turkish rule. Against great odds, Greek patriots reestablished freedom and self-government in the country that gave birth to democracy.

This decade-long struggle attracted the attention of freedom-loving peoples throughout the world but enjoyed particularly strong support from the young American Republic. Americans held rallies in support of the Greek cause and sent both supplies and volunteers to aid the independence effort.

From that time, the American and Greek peoples forged an alliance for democracy which has stood the test of time and political change. In both World Wars and through the cold war period, America and Greece remained steadfast in their commitment to freedom and together fought successfully against the forces of modern tyranny and totalitarianism. In all of these struggles, the Greek people fought valiantly and at great sacrifice to their land and lives. It can be rightly said that no land so small gave so much to the modern cause of freedom.

As the challenges and opportunities of the post-cold-war world begin to emerge, the resourceful people of Greece are poised to join with America and other democracies in encouraging new hopes for freedom and democracy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Greece, as one of the oldest continuing democracies of the modern period, has the experience in self-government to be of enormous assistance to nations struggling to develop open societies.

Greece is also the only country in the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean region with membership in the European Union. This fact equips Greece to play a special role in the economic and political reconstruction of those regions. From the dawn of history, Greek travelers and traders have lived and worked in these areas developing relationships that can promote peace and prosperity in this new era.

Mr. President, the significance of the longstanding and close partnership between the United States and Greece is being reinforced by the exchange of official visits and by representatives of our two countries. As I speak, Hillary Clinton, our First Lady, is in Greece participating in the lighting of the Olympic Torch, which will eventually make its way to Atlanta, GA, for the centennial of the modern Olympics. Mrs. Clinton's presence at this important event reflects America's respect for and recognition of Greece's historic role in establishing these games and promoting friendly competition and cooperation among nations.

Within days, the Honorable Costas Simitis, newly installed Prime Minister of Greece, will visit Washington for a series of meetings with President Clinton and other administration officials. Prime Minister Simitis represents a new generation of Greek political leadership which promises to

build on the strength of the existing United States-Greek relationship while seeking new areas of cooperation. In early May, Greek President Costas Stephanopoulos will also visit Washington for an official state visit. This again will offer an opportunity for renewing and reinforcing the ties between the citizens of these two democratic countries. We look forward to these visits and express warm appreciation to President Clinton for extending these invitations.

These are occasions also for the leaders of both America and Greece to recognize the impressive contributions that Greek-Americans have made to the strength and progress of democracy in both nations. The ties between our two countries have been tangibly strengthened by the constructive involvement of Greek-Americans in virtually every sphere of American life.

As we celebrate the bravery of the heroes and heroines of March 25, 1821, we recall with pride their unshakeable devotion to freedom. It is a commitment they have honored with their blood and tears over two centuries and an undertaking which has always found them in alliance with the American people and all those who value democracy and the rule of law. As we enter this new post-war period, I am confident that America and Greece will work together in the great effort to build and expand democracy. That will be the highest tribute to the spirit of Greek Independence first proclaimed on March 25, 1821.●

BREAST CANCER

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise before you today to plea for the support of the world's wives, daughters, mother, and loved ones who prevail under a merciless dark shadow we've come to know as breast cancer. Over the past two decades, the risk of acquiring breast cancer has nearly tripled; from 1 in 20, to 1 in 8. Breast cancer alone is predicted to murder over 184,300 American women this year. To date, researchers have not been able to locate its cause or find a technique to eradicate it.

Paramount in our struggle to save our loved ones is the frequent inspection to detect possible irregularities. Caught early, measures can be undertaken to lower the risk of a further contamination of the body. However, the postponing of medical attention could result in the cancer expanding into the bloodstream, carrying tumor cells to the liver, lungs, and bones. Once diagnosed, the style of treatment is decided between the patient and the physician after considering the stage and type of cancer in question. Most often, a modified mastectomy—the removal of only the breast tissue—or a lumpectomy—the local removal of the tumor—followed by radiotherapy is the standard method. Unfortunately, the pain and suffering do not end after surgery. Once involved in therapy, the

real struggle to return to a life lost begins.

What is commonly overlooked in the rehabilitation of a breast cancer victim is the unrestricted support by loved ones as a means of therapy, and in most cases, this is vital to their recovery. Families facing cancer are severely challenged as their lives become increasingly complex. Psychosocial research has shown that the stress of adopting new roles, relating to and communicating with others, self-care responsibilities, and the over all nature of the cancer experience can cause unrest in the family unit. This in turn, greatly influences and in most cases, hinders the complete healing process. On the other hand, families that have stood by and supported relatives by educating themselves and responding properly to the needs of the victim were able to significantly add to the recovery process. Therefore, I believe that as we work toward advancements in treatment, cure, and diagnosis of breast cancer, our programs must also stress involvement by family members in the care and support of loved ones.●

DAVID PACKARD

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of David Packard yesterday. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family as people around the Nation pay tribute to his remarkable life and mourn his passing.

Untold numbers of people's lives were touched by David Packard or changed by the advent of his innovations. Not only will he be remembered for his pioneering work in the area of electronic and computer technology, but also his progressive management philosophy promises to remain fundamental in the high-tech industry in particular and American business in general.

Although his work at Hewlett-Packard was best known to the public, he found time to donate his valuable energy and resources to his country and many organizations and causes which are now an integral part of California's communities and elsewhere. The Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University are just two of his most visible contributions. His generosity, as most clearly manifest by the continuing work of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, will long be remembered as the living legacy of a departed friend.●

TRIBUTE TO LOUISVILLE MALE HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on April 27 to April 29, 1996, more than 1,300 students from 50 States and the District of Columbia will be in Washington, DC to compete in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that a class from Male High School in Louisville